

SHIP MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Estonian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, August 21, 1926

Sir:

With further reference to your note of July 17, 1926, in regard to the question of the mutual recognition of ship measurement certificates, with which you forwarded three copies in English of the Esthonian Regulations for tonnage measurement of ships, I have the honor to inform you that the authorities of this Government concerned are satisfied that the vessels of Esthonia may be deemed to be of the tonnage noted in the Certificate of Registry or other national papers, and that it will not, therefore, be necessary under existing law for such vessels to be remeasured in any port in the United States. It is, of course, requisite that the Government of Esthonia extend the same recognition to the Certificates of Registry or other national papers of the vessels of the United States.

I shall be obliged if you will bring the foregoing to the attention of your Government and will inform me of the reply so that appropriate instructions may be given to the officers charged with the enforcement of the navigation laws of this country.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

LELAND HARRISON
Acting Secretary of State

COLONEL VICTOR MUTT,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Esthonia.

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The Estonian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

ESTONIAN LEGATION
NEW YORK, November 30, 1926

SIR:

In reply to your note of August 21, 1926 in regard to the question of the mutual recognition of ship measurement certificates between the United States and Estonia, I have the honor to inform you in the name of my Government, that the concerned authorities of Estonia have found, that in substance there are no hindrances for the recognition, without remeasurement, of tonnage of ships of the United States in Estonian ports, as noted in the Certificate of Registry issued by the authorities of the United States or other national papers. In view of this the Government of Estonia has decided, on reciprocal basis, to recognize the tonnage of ships of the United States as stated hereinbefore.

At the same time I have the honor to inform you that this agreement, the attainment of which I hereby confirm, will become operative in Estonia ten days after the due publication of the Estonian Government's decision, whereby this agreement will be ratified.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

V. MUTT
Chargé d'Affaires a. i. of Estonia

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Secretary of State of the United States.